GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR GALLANTRY AWARD WINNERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides funds to the soldiers who have been given Gallantry awards;

(b) if so, the details of amount provided during each of the last three years to each soldier, State-wise;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a) & (b): As stated by the Ministry of Defence the Government of India provide monetary allowance to soldiers who have been given gallantry awards. The details are as follows:

Name of Gallantry Award	Rate of monetary allowance (Rupees per month)
Param Vir Chakra	1500
Ashok Chakra	1400
Maha Vir Chakra	1200
Kirti Chakra	1050
Vir Chakra	850
Shaurya Chakra	750
Sena/Nao Sena/Vayu Sena Medal (where the awards have been given for gallantry)	250

The monetary allowances are given directly to the award winning soldiers or their families as the case may be. However, no funds are provided to the States for the purpose. Certain State Governments also extend monetary incentives to the award winners from their own resources.

(c) & (d): D o not arise in view of reply to (a) & (b) above.